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## PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK/BRONX COUNTY

VS

INV. INTO DEATH OF ALBERT ACOSTA,

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15 PRESENTED BY: A.D.A. SCACCIA/TD-B52

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MR. SCACCIA: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Christine Scaccia. I'm a Senior Trial Assistant in Trial Division B-52.

This is the case, an investigation into the death of Albert Acosta

I would now ask the Foreperson to determine whether a quorum is present

THE FOREPERSON: Let the record reflect that a quorum is present.

MS. SCACCIA: Ladies and gentlemen, before we begin hearing evidence in this case I'm going to give you a publicity charge.

You should not read, listen, or watch news accounts about matters being presented to you. the event that you have read or heard news accounts about a case before evidence concerning that case while it is pending before you, you must disregard anything that you have read or heard, other than that which is submitted to you as evidence.

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basis of the evidence and instructions presented, you must tell the Foreperson and the Assistant District Attorney.

Remember, that you should not discuss the case being presented to you with anyone other than your fellow Grand Jurors and the Assistant District Attorney. You may only form an opinion about a case on the evidence presented, only after the case has been submitted to you by the Assistant District Attorney with specific legal instructions applicable to the case before you.

At the end of the case the Assistant District Attorney who presented it will give you charges for your consideration.

If more than one defendant is presented you must consider and vote the charges submitted to you as to each defendant individually. You may not necessarily be re-read law on each charge. Now if you do not remember the law or if you are confused or have questions please feel free to ask the Assistant District Attorney presenting the case.

Now, given the nature of the date of February 12th of the year 2001, at the location of 1700 Metropolitan Avenue here in Bronx County, and the death of Albert Acosta.

Is there anyone who knows anything about this case that would influence them in anyway?

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Seeing no show of hands, the People are going to begin their presentation of the evidence with the calling of Mr. Terrence Alston.

CL5 1 2 TERRENCE ALSTON, after having been duly sworn, testified as follows: 3 4 5 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 6 7 Q. Mr. Alston, you have to keep your voice up 8 nice and loud so everyone can hear you. 9 Please state your full name and the county you live in? 10 11 Α. Terrence Alston, Bronx. Mr. Alston, how old are you? 12 Q. 13 Thirty-four. Α. Are you familiar with the location of 14 15 1700 Metropolitan Avenue here in Bronx County? 16 Α. Yes. How is it that you are familiar with that 17 location, sir? 18 I live in Parkchester, I live in the area. 19 Α. 20 How long have you lived in the area? Q. 21 Α. Since '94. 22 I want to draw your attention now going 23 back to on or about October 1st, of the year 2000. 24 Were you living in Parkchester that day? 25 Α. Yes.

CL6 Can you please tell the Members of the 1 2 Grand Jury if anything unusual took place at about 3 that time? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. What happened? A security officer approached me about 6 7 accepting a contract to kill another security 8 officer. Q. Now, where were you when this security 9 officer approached you? 10 In front of my building, 1560 Unionport 11 Road. 12 13 Have you ever talked to this security Q. officer before? 14 15 Α. No. When he approached you, did he call you by 16 Q. 17 name? Yes, he called me by my nickname, Murdock. 18 19 Now, when he first approached you, were you Q. 20 alone or with other people? 21 I was with my family. Did you go somewhere to talk to him or did 22 23 he say this in front of your family? No, we went over to the other side and

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talked.

- Q. Now, what exactly to the best of your recollection did this security officer say to you and what if anything did you say back to him?
- A. He asked me would I accept a contract to kill another security officer. I told him, yes.
  - Q. Did he tell you why?
- A. He said it was over a little conflict, over a girl.
- Q. Now, was there ever an arrangement made about a price?
  - A. No.

- Q. Was there any inquiry made about the price?
- A. I told him I'll get back to him about the price.
- Q. Now, this security officer, did you ever have any other conversations after that?
  - A. Yes, a couple of days later.
  - Q. Okay. How did that happen?
- A. He approached me, he gave me a master key to the building to get to the basement. He showed me where I was going to do it, and he also asked me if I had a gun. He told me he would give me a gun. I told him I had a gun already, I didn't need a gun.
- Q. Now, this master key, what is that master key for?

1 To get to the basements and the tunnels. Α. 2 Now you are a tenant in Parkchester? Q. 3 Yes. Α. 4 Do tenants have access to the basement or 5 tunnels? No. 6 Α. 7 This master key that he gave you, it would allow you access to the basement and tunnels? 8 9 Α. Yes. Did he tell you who the security officer 10 11 was that he wanted to kill? 12 Α. No. 13 Other than discussing that, did he tell you Q. 14 when he wanted it to take place? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Did he discuss with you how it would take 17 place? 18 Α. Yes. Could you tell the Members of the Grand 19 20 Jury, describe how it was going to take place? 21 It was going to happen over in the 1700 area of the Parkchester basement. He would lure him 22 23 down to the basement to where I would be at. 24 Now, on this second location, did he talk to you about prices again? 25

CL9 1 Α. No. Mr. Alston, did there come a time when you 2 Q. actually carried out this contract for this security 3 officer? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Ο. Why is that, sir? 7 I got incarcerated October 16th. Α. Q. Of 2000? 8 9 Α. Yes. During the date of February 12th of 2001, 10 Q. were you still incarcerated? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 The security officer who approached you on 14 those two occasions, Mr. Alston, do you know his name 15 to be Anthony Maganello? 16 Α. Yes. MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions of 17 18 this witness. 19 Do the Members of the Grand Jury have any questions? 20 21 Anyone else? 22 Mr. Alston, prior to you having this 23 conversation with the security officer by the name of Anthony Maganello, had you ever seen him in the area 24 25 before?

CL10 1 Α. Yes. When you were living in the area during the 2 time of October of the year 2000, were you hanging 3 4 out in a particular place? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Were you always there in the same area? Q. 7 Α. Yes. 8 Had you ever seen him when you hung out in Q. 9 the area in the past? 10 Α. Yes. 11 My Alston, when you were initially 12 approached by the security officer to do this 13 contract, were you physically incapacitated in any 14 way? 15 I was shot up. I was shot three times, 16 once in my head, one in the left arm and one in my 17 right leg. 18 Q. How much before this conversation with the 19 security guard did this happen? 20 Like right about two weeks after I came out 21 of the hospital. 22 Q. When were you shot? 23 I was shot August 22nd of 2000.

From the time that you got out of the

hospital until October when you had this conversation

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CL11 were you immobilized, were you walking? No, I was in a wheelchair. MS. SCACCIA: Anyone else? Seeing no show of hands, this witness is excused. Thank you. 

CL12 CERTIFICATION I, CHERYL LAUREL, a Grand Jury Reporter within and for the State of New York, County of the Bronx, do hereby certify: That the within transcript is a true and accurate record of the testimony given in the case of the People of the State of New York versus INV. INTO DEATH OF ALBERT ACOSTA in the F PANEL & 4TH on APRIL 16, 2001. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17TH day of APRIL, 2001. CHERYL LAUREL 

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1	INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF ALBERT ACOSTA
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3	A.D.A. SCACCIA/TD-B52 FROM: 4/16/2001
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5	DATE: APRIL 18, 2001 F PANEL & 4TH TERM
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13	MS. SCACCIA: For the record, good afternoon,
14	ladies and gentlemen, my name is Christine Scaccia,
15	I'm an Assistant District Attorney in Trial Division
16	52.
17	This is a continuation of the investigation into
18	the death of Albert Acosta
19	I will now ask the Foreperson to determine
20	whether a quorum is present.
21	THE FOREPERSON: Let the record reflect that a
22	quorum is present.
23	MS. SCACCIA: The People now call Walter Cobb.
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CL2 1 WALTER COBB, after having been duly sworn, 2 testified as follows: 3 4 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 5 6 Mr. Cobb, could you state your full name 7 and county of residence for the Members of the Grand 8 9 Jury. 10 Walter William Cobb, county of residence is Α. 11 the Bronx. 12 Q. Mr. Cobb, are you employed? 13 A. Yes, ma'am. 14 For who do you work? Q. 15 Parkchester, Bronx, New York. Α. 16 Okay. What type of work do you do? Q. 17 Maintenance. Α. 18 How long have you done that, sir? Q. 19 Α. Eleven years now. 20 I want to direct your attention to 21 February 12th of 2001, specifically to the building of 1700 Metropolitan Avenue here in Bronx county. 22 Were you present at that building on that day? 23 24 A. Yes, ma'am, I was. 25 Q. Now, is that the building that you're

CL3 1 normally assigned to Mr. Cobb? 2 No, ma'am, I'm not. How did you become assigned to that 3 building that day? 4 I'm known as a miscellaneous person. 5 6 fill in for people that call in sick or out that day. 7 I was sent to that building. Now, what time did you start work that day? 8 8:00 in the morning. 9 Α. 10 Okay. About what time did you get over Ο. towards 1700 Metropolitan? 11 12 About 10:00 a.m. or ten minutes after 10:00, 10:10. 13 When you approached that building how were 14 15 you going to go inside of that building, were you going through the front door or were you using 16 17 another door? 18 Well, the rear door is situated on the avenue itself. I approached the rear door. 19 20 Now, this rear door is that a doorway to the public or do the tenants have access? 21 22 Α. Yes, ma'am. 23 How do you get into that door? Well, we use what we call a com key and 24 it's electronically controlled and you push the door 25

CL4 1 and it opens. So it's a electronic lock? 2 Q. Yes, ma'am. 3 Α. Do the tenants have such a electronic key? 4 Q. Yes, they do. 5 Α. So tenants can go through the door? 6 Q. 7 Yes, if you live in the building cause each com key is assigned different codes for different 8 9 buildings. 10 Q. Now, as you were approaching 1700 11 Metropolitan Avenue, did something unusual take 12 place? 13 As I approached the rear exit which is on 14 the avenue itself I heard what appeared to be a muzzle, four shots. 15 Four gunshots? 16 Q. At least four gunshots, at least four or 17 five steps before I hit the door, approach the door. 18 19 Q. Now, these gunshots did they happen one 20 right after the other or was there a pause? 21 Two first and then two after. There was a 22 slight pause between the four. 23 Okay. Now, as you approached the doorway 24 -- is there a time when you get right in front of the 25 door?

CL5 I just dismissed it immediately from my 1 Α. 2 mind, almost immediately and I approached the door. 3 Okay. What happened when you approached 4 the door? 5 I was using my com key when the door flew open. I was trying to enter the building, the door, 6 someone from inside opened the door. 7 Now this door, how does it open, do you 8 Ο. 9 push it in, how does it open? 10 You push it in. As soon as the door flew open from inside ο. 11 did you see anyone on the other side of the door? 12 13 Α. Yes, I did. Who was on the other side of that door? 14 Ο. 15 This man which I know is named 16 Maganello was stepping out. 17 Ο. Now, this man, Maganello, where do you know him from? 18 19 I don't know him personally, but I know he's a security person on the Parkchester premises 20 itself. 21 0. Okay. When he opened the door, did the two 22

of you have any sort of conversation?

I said to him re-calling the four shots

which was four shots, I thought I heard four shots.

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I did not get to open the door, he opened from the inside he says to me, yes, I did two. Then he pointed over my left shoulder you go that way and I'll go this way.

- Q. Meaning for you to go that way and he'll go another way.
  - A. I still had yet to enter the building.
- Q. Now, when he told you, you go this way and I'll go that way, did you comply with his directions or did you --
- A. I just ignored him and I entered the building. He bypassed me and went out. I entered the building through the door.
  - Q. What portion of the building did you go in?
- A. Well, in Parkchester they are termed terrace floors, because certain tenants live on those floors.
  - Q. Okay. This is below the lobby level?
    - A. Yes.

- Q. In this particular building are there occupied apartments there, if you know?
- A. No, they are different apartments, but not apartments per se. It's a garbage room, compactor room, carriage room where people store things.
  - Q. When you went into the building after you

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did he ask you?

CL7 spoke to Officer Maganello, was there anybody else 1 down there that you encountered? 3 Yes, I encountered -- on my left first there was one door which is the pick-up station where 4 5 the garbage is, it was closed. The second door was open and there was a 7 repairman, a telephone repair man from Verizon, he was working at the wires, the telephone wires. 8 Did you speak with him? 10 Briefly I stopped and said hello, hey guy how are you. Then he proceeded walking. I proceeded walking towards the back of the floor where the 12 compactors are. 13 Q. The garbage compactors? Α. Yes. What were doing there? Q. I was picking out the trash. I was keeping 18 myself busy. We started from the basement and I cut a few bags to check down on the floors, and he called me over. Q. Who called you over?

The Verizon man, the telephone repairman.

When he called you over, what if anything

He wanted to know if the adjacent room, the

room opposite to where I was, if I had keys because he wanted to see another outlet box for the telephone line.

- Q. Okay. The door he was pointing to, was it locked?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. Did you have keys for that door?
- A. I happen to be in that building for the first time that day. I was not assigned that day, because the other fellow was away sick. So, I said let me try these keys, I'm new here today, sure enough one of my keys opened the door.
- Q. When you opened the door to this room, what's in the room?
- A. Well, in the room was total darkness. I did not think anything. The Verizon guy turned on the light, we both went in briefly, looked inside, no box, we stepped away. I went back to my room, he went back to his.
  - Q. You closed the door again or left it open?
  - A. It was left open.
  - Q. Was there anything to keep the door open?
- A. The door was -- I opened the door, he was standing next to me. In Parkchester in the basement we usually keep, we have a cobblestone that we use to

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prop the doors open. I pushed one over and propped it on the door. I left him, he went to his respective room. I left the room.

- Q. After you left the room the initial time that you put the cobblestone on the door, did there come a time that day when you went back into that room?
- A. I passed it about three times within the next five or eight minutes. I did not look, something told me to look in. I saw a bunch -- it looked like a bundle of rags, a little further in there was a stove. At the foot of the stove there was rags.

I took out my flashlight as I approached it, I realized it was a body. As my light came up on the stove it was an officer's hat with a badge on the visor, my light was shining off of it. Then I heard a radio. I looked down and I went around I saw the blood. Then I realized I heard gurgling sounds. I said this guy is still alive. I ran out that's when I made my call.

- Q. Who did you call?
- A. I called first the Parkchester security department, I couldn't get through. So I said the hell with that, and I called 911, thinking this man

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was still alive to get an ambulance over. I was not thinking police, I was just thinking about getting an ambulance here. I got through to them quick.

- Q. Did you remain at the building until the police and ambulance came?
- A. The police asked me where I was calling from. I told them Parkchester, 1700, I told them I'm a maintenance man, I work there. He said hang on the line. I stood on the line til they showed.
- Q. Was the phone man also there when the police came?
- A. At that point I ran out, I didn't see him if he was still in the opposite room. But while I was making the call I saw the van coming on the other side of the lane. I said, you remember when we opened the door. He said, yes. I said there was a body laying in there. He stopped his van in the middle of the street and ran back. He ran back to the van and he made a call also.
- Q. Okay. When the police did finally arrive were you still present, you spoke with them?
- A. Yes, I was still outside waiting for them.

  I was still on the line, on the phone with them.

MS. SCACCIA: Okay. At this time I do not have any further questions of this witness.

Do the Members of the Grand Jury have any questions?

Actually, Mr. Cobb, I do have a few more questions for you.

- Q. Were you there when the police arrived, did there come a time when you saw Officer Maganello return over there?
  - A. Yes, I did.

- Q. Was the police with him at that point?
- A. No, the security of Parkchester started showing up after the police, but then he dashed in with all the police officers, the New York City Police Department and he wrangled his way through them. Then he came back out which was less than a minute, that's when they grabbed him.
- Q. The officer you said grabbed him, were they males or females officer, if you remember?
- A. Male, mostly males, but there was two females which was questioning him.
- MS. SCACCIA: Now, I'm going to ask that these two photographs be deem marked for identification purposes as People's 1 and 2.
- Q. Mr. Cobb, I'm going to ask you to take a look the photographs that I deem marked Grand Jury Exhibit number 1 for identification. Do you

recognize the area shown in this photograph?

A. Yes.

- Q. What is that picture of?
- A. Well, the building. The lower half of the building itself, the entrance to the -- the back entrance to the building which happens to be on the main thoroughfare.
- Q. Is that the entrance you described to us you were attempting to enter while Officer Maganello was walking out?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And, is that the way the building in that area looked on the date that we have been speaking about?
- A. Yes, I'll remember that building for the rest of my life.
- Q. I want to ask you now to take a look at that picture.
- A. This is the door I propped open and the stove is back there.
- Q. Okay. Is that the way you understand that the person was lying on the ground, more or less?
- A. Except in front of the stove he was there lying across the front of it.
  - MS. SCACCIA: Based on your testimony I'm going

to ask that these two exhibits be moved into evidence for Grand Jury purpose as People's 1 and 2.

I will pass them around to the Jury in a moment.

- Q. In this basement, Mr. Cobb, unless you had a key to get in that basement from the outside can you get in there without the key access?
- A. I assume you can, anything is possible with some difficulty if you don't have keys.
- Q. By the way, the room that the victim was lying in, does that room have any windows?
- A. Yes, there is a window directly in front of where the stove is.
  - Q. Again directly in front of the stove?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. In this particular picture that we have in evidence, now where the outside of the building is shown, is that the same window?
- A. Yes, the window I heard the shots, the sounds coming from, before I approached the door to get into the building.
- Q. When you gave access to the Verizon man to go into the room, did you have to physically unlock the door with your key?
- A. Yes, I tried several keys before I opened it. I told him verbally, I'm going to try these

CL14 keys. I'm going to try to see if one of these will work and sure enough one of them opened the door. MS. SCACCIA: Seeing no show of hands, you can step out. (The photographs are being passed around to the Grand Jury.) 

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24	MS. SCACCIA: The People now call Officer Perez.
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TP3 POLICE OFFICER PEREZ, after having been duly 1 sworn, testified as follows: 2 3 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 4 5 Officer, could you please state your name, 6 7 shield and command for the Members of the Grand Jury. 8 Police Officer Alex Perez, I work for the 43 Precinct, shield 13912. 9 Now, directing your attention to February 10 Q. 12th of this year. 11 12 Were you working as a member of the 43 Precinct 13 on that date? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And what tour were you working? Q. Eight to four. 16 A. 17 Eight in the morning? Q. Seven-thirty in the morning until 3:40 in 18 the afternoon. 19 20 And were you working alone or with a Q. partner? 21 22 Α. Partner. 23 And who was your partner? Ο. 24 Officer Nieves. Α. 25 Q. And were you in uniform?

TP4 1 Α. Uniform. And what was your assignment that date? 2 Q. Patrol in a radio car. 3 Α. And I want to direct your attention more 4 specifically to 10:16 in the morning of February 12th 5 of this year. 6 7 Did you have occasion to receive a radio run? 8 Α. Yes. 9 And can you please tell the Grand Jury what 10 that radio run was about, and where you went after hearing it? 11 I received a call in the radio stating that 12 Α. 13 an officer had been shot. At that point we received 14 another radio transmission that it was at 1700 15 Metropolitan, and it was an officer. And at that 16 point we raced over to that location. 17 Upon your arrival at 1700 Metropolitan, were you the first officers on the scene or were 18 19 there other --There was two other cars there. 20 Α. 21 And in addition to police personnel, were Q. 22 there any civilians present at the scene? 23 Α. Yes, Parkchester Maintenance. 24 Upon your arrival at the scene, officer, Q.

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where did you go?

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- A. We all went into the corridor where the basement was at.
- Q. Did you go into a lobby door or the main entrance, or a side door?
- A. A back door, down the stairs and then into the area into the room where the officer was shot.
- Q. And now what was downstairs in that basement area?
  - A. It's empty rooms in a basement.
- Q. And now before you got to 1700 you had information that an officer had been shot.

Did you know whether it was a Parkchester security officer or NYPD?

- A. We had no clue at that point.
- Q. During the time that you responded there, and even when you got there, was the identity of the person that was shot known?
- A. We didn't know who it was. We still assumed it was a New York City Police Officer.
- Q. And now did there come a point in time well -- withdrawn.

What did you -- you walked inside of that basement area. What happened?

A. We get into the basement, confirmed that the gentleman was shot in the back of the head.

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We're searching to see if he has a weapon of his own.

We're trying to figure out who he is, who he works

for.

At that point my partner sees that he's

Parkchester Police. While they're looking at him

looking in the area, I go into the other rooms, start

doing a canvass in the area seeing if there's any

weapons hidden, seeing if there's a person hanging

around. And at that point I stepped out and I

started to question people outside.

- Q. And while you were outside speaking with people, did you get to meet a person by the name of Walter Cobb?
  - A. Yes, I had a conversation with Mr. Cobb.
- Q. And now sometime after your conversation with Mr. Cobb, does a security officer by the name of Anthony Mangiello arrive on the scene?
- A. A gentleman does walk up at that point. I didn't know what his name was.
- Q. Do you know his name now to be Anthony Mangiello?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. When he comes on the scene, does he come out of a vehicle or on foot?
  - A. He comes out of the crowd.

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Q. And can you describe to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury what his appearance was and with -- his demeanor was when he gets there?

- A. Very disheveled. Very pale, sweating. At one point we were going to call an ambulance for him. He looked like he was ready to faint. And he had dust all over his uniform.
- Q. And now the dust, was it a particular color?
  - A. It was white, dusty.
  - Q. And is his uniform a dark color?
  - A. It's the same color, a dark blue.
- Q. And now did you -- when Officer Mangiello comes there, do you have a conversation with him?
- A. No, I didn't speak to him. My partner ended up speaking to him.
- Q. Up to that point in time, have you ever heard the name Albert Acosta being mentioned as the person what was shot?
  - A. No one mentioned anything about that.
- Q. And other than the involvement that you told us about here today, did you have any other involvement with this?
  - A. No.

TP8 MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions at this time. Do any Members of the Grand Jury have any questions? Seeing no show of hands, this witness is excused. And the People will now call Police Officer Nieves. 

TP9 POLICE OFFICER NIEVES, after having been duly 1 2 sworn, testified as follows: 3 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 4 5 Q. Good afternoon, officer. 6 Could you please state your name, shield number 7 8 and command for the Members of the Grand Jury. A. Police Officer Nieves, shield number 5089, 9 43rd Precinct. 10 Directing your attention to February 12th 11 Q. of this year. 12 13 Were you working as a member of the 43rd 14 Precinct? 15 Α. Yes, I was. And what hours did you work? 16 Q. 17 Eight to four tour. Α. 18 Q. And did you work with a partner? 19 Α. Partner. 20 Ο. Who was your partner? Officer Perez. 21 Α. And were you in uniform or plainclothes? 22 Q. 23 Uniform. Α. And what was your assignment that day? 24 Q.

Patrol in a marked police car.

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Q. And now, officer, I want to direct your attention approximately to 10:16 a.m. on the date of February 12th of this year.

Did you have occasion to respond over to 1700 Metropolitan Avenue?

A. Yes.

- Q. Can you tell us what brought you to that location?
- A. We had a radio run of a police officer shot, 1013.
- Q. And now when you responded to that location, officer, were you the first officers on the scene?
  - A. No.
- Q. Okay, were there other officers -- department personnel there?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And, okay, and once you arrived there, can you tell us where you went?
- A. We went into the basement area of 1700 Metropolitan Avenue.
- Q. What, if any, observations did you make when you went into there?
- A. We saw a male shot laying down on the floor, face down in uniform.

TP11 And this person who was laying down on the 1 floor, did you recognize what service he belonged, 2 3 was it in NYPD or was it --Parkchester Security. 4 Α. And did you recognize who this man was, 5 Q. 6 officer? 7 I knew him from the area, yes. Α. 8 And now who was down located in the room where Officer Acosta was found by you and the other 9 10 officers? 11 Α. Say that again? 12 What was downstairs in that room where he Q. 13 was? A stove and that's it. 14 Α. And would you please, with respect to his 15 Q. uniform, Parkchester Police officers wear a uniform? 16 17 A. Yes. Q. Was his uniform fully on him intact, or 18 19 were there items of his uniform in other places? 20 His memobook was on top of the stove and 21 his uniform jacket was in front of him as he laid on 22 the floor. And what about a uniform hat, did you see 23 Q. 24 one?

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- Q. And now did you remain in the room where Officer Acosta was, or did you go somewhere else?
  - A. A few minutes. And then I went outside.
  - Q. What happened when you go outside?
- A. As I was walking out I saw one of the Parkchester officers, which was Anthony Mangiello, coming in. I figured they work together. He said I don't want to go in there. And he said that's my partner in there.
- Q. And now when you encountered Officer

  Mangiello downstairs in that hallway area, could you
  please describe what his demeanor was like?
- A. He seemed in shock, sort of shaky, and pale.
- Q. And now up to this point, you, yourself had gone and seen Officer Acosta on the floor?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. Was there any broadcasting of Officer Acosta's identity while you were present on the scene?
  - A. Not that I had heard of.
- Q. Were other Parkchester officers present at the scene of the --
  - A. Eventually.
  - Q. Upon their arrival, to your knowledge, was

TP13 1 it known that Officer Acosta was the person inside 2 who had been shot? 3 Α. No. When you saw Officer Mangiello entering 4 5 into the hallway area where the room where Officer Acosta was located, did you make any note -- mental 6 7 note or otherwise, of the condition of his uniform or did you notice anything unusual about it? 8 I saw dust, the white dust. 9 10 And when you saw him, was he coming off of 11 the street or was he coming in from somewhere in the 12 building? 13 Α. From outside the street. 14 15 MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions of this 16 witness. Do any Members of the Grand Jury have any 17 18 questions? 19 20 Officer Nieves, when you arrived, you said 21 that other police personnel were on the scene? 22 Α. Yes. Where were the other officers? 23 Q. 24 All running in. We were all running in at 25 the same time.

TP14 And as you stayed in the area, were 1 2 officers in and around the room where Officer Acosta 3 was? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. When you saw Officer Acosta on the floor, can you please tell us what the position of his body 6 7 was? Was he face up? Face down? 8 He was lying face down, his face turned to 9 the left, and his jacket underneath him. 10 Q. He was lying on his stomach but his face 11 was turned? 12 Approximately on the side of his face. Α. 13 14 MS. SCACCIA: Okay, seeing no show of hands, this 15 witness is also excused. 16 Thank you. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

TP15 CERTIFICATION I, THALIA PHARMAKIDES, a Grand Jury Reporter within and for the State of New York, County of the Bronx, do hereby certify: That the within transcript is a true and accurate record of the testimony given in the case of the People of the State of New York versus ANTHONY MANGIELLO in the F / 4 on APRIL 23, 2001. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26TH day of APRIL, 2001. Thala I Konnakia THALIA PHARMAKIDES 

CL1 1 PEOPLE VS INVESTIGATION CASE 2 A.D.A. SCACCIA/TD50 FROM: 4/23/2001 3 4 DATE: APRIL 26, 2001 F PANEL & 4TH TERM 5 REPORTER: CHERYL LAUREL 6 7 GJ #: 42,140 DOCKET: 2001BX024949 8 9 10 11 12 13 MS. SCACCIA: For the record, good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Christine Scaccia, 14 I'm an Assistant District Attorney with Trial 15 Division 50 16 17 This is the case of the People of the State of New York against Anthony Manganiello, also referred 18 19 to as an investigation into the death of 20 Albert Acosta 21 I would ask the Foreperson to determine whether 22 a quorum is present 23 THE FOREPERSON: Let the record reflect that a 24 quorum is present. MS. SCACCIA: The People now call 25

CL3 CHRISTOPHER TARTONE, after having been duly 1 sworn, testified as follows: 2 3 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 4 5 Mr. Tartone, can you please state your full 6 Q. 7 name and the county you live in. 8 A. Christopher Tartone, the Bronx. Okay. Mr. Tartone, are you employed? 9 Q. 10 Α. Yes. 11 Where do you work? Q. In the pizza shop. 12 Α. 13 Where is that pizza shop located? Q. 1665 Metropolitan Avenue. 14 Α. 15 Okay. How long have you worked there, sir? Q. 16 About twelve years. Α. Okay. Now, where is your pizza shop 17 Q. located with respect to 1700 Metropolitan Avenue? 18 Two hundred yards, across the street from 19 20 there, the opposite side. 21 Officer, during the course of the time you worked in the pizza shop have you gotten to know any 22 of members of Parkchester either security or 23 24 maintenance? 25 A. Yes.

CL4 What kind of contents did you get to know 1 Q. them? 2 Just them eating, coming to the 3 Α. establishment. 4 5 During the course of your employment, did Q. 6 you come to know a security officer by the name of 7 Anthony Manganiello? 8 Α. Yes. Okay. How did you meet him? 9 10 Α. Just coming in and eating. 11 Q. How long ago would you say you met Mr. Manganiello? 12 Four years. 13 Α. How often would you see Mr. Manganiello? 14 15 Like once a month. Α. 16 Ο. Okay. I want to direct your attention now to late January, early February of this year, did you 17 have an occasion to see Mr. Manganiello in your pizza 18 shop? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Okay. And could you tell the Members of 22 the Grand Jury during what time span on those occasions you saw him at the end of January, the 23 beginning of February, what if anything took place 24 25 that was unusual?

CL5 He sat down with his coworker, I overheard 1 Α. 2 him asking if he knew anybody selling a gun. When you say he, who are you talking about 3 Q. 4 Anthony Manganiello? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Ο. And the person that he was speaking to, was 7 this person a male or female? 8 A male. Okay. Was he white, black, Hispanic, could 9 Q. you tell? 10 Brown complexion, that's all I remember. 11 A. 12 You said he was with his coworker, was he Ο. 13 also a security guard or another sort of worker? 14 No, he was a porter. He was in a green 15 uniform, but he wasn't in a security uniform, no. 16 Did you see what the other man responded? Q. 17 No, I really kept making my pizza. I was 18 making a pie, I overheard, but I really can't tell 19 you what was said after that. 20 Mr. Tartone, if you know in your encounters 21 with the Parkchester security, do Parkchester 22 security officers carry weapons? 23 A. No. 24 MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions.

Do the Members of the Grand Jury have any

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MS. SCACCIA: For the record, good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, my name is Christine Scaccia, I'm an Assistant District Attorney in Trial Division 50.

This is a continuation of the case of the People of the State of New York versus Anthony Manganiello, also referred to as an investigation into the death of Albert Acosta.

I would now ask the Foreperson to determine whether a quorum is present.

THE FOREPERSON: Let the record reflect that a quorum is present.

MS. SCACCIA: The People call Police Officer Casiano.

CL8 1 2 POLICE OFFICER CASIANO, after having been duly 3 sworn, testified as follows: 4 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 5 6 7 Q. Officer, can you please state your name, rank, shield number and command for the Members of 8 9 the Grand Jury. Police Officer Jose Casiano, shield number 10 Α. 14240, 43rd Precinct. 11 Officer, how long have you worked for the 12 43rd Precinct? 13 14 I have worked there ten and a half years. 15 I want to direct your attention to 16 February 12th of this year. Were you working as a 17 member of the 43rd Precinct on that date? 18 Yes, I was. Α. 19 What hours did you work? Ο. I did a 705 by 1540 hours. 20 Α. Which is basically 8:00 to 4:00? 21 Q. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Did you work alone or with a partner? Q. 24 Α. I was working with a partner.

Who was your partner?

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CL9 Police Officer Kalmanowicz. 1 Α. Were you guys in uniform or plainclothes? 2 Q. 3 Uniform. Α. What was your assignment that day? 4 Q. We were doing a patrol that day. 5 Α. In a radio car or on foot? 6 Q. 7 Radio car. Α. 8 I want to direct your attention more Q. specifically to approximately 10:20 a.m., on that 9 day. 10 Did you have an occasion to respond to 11 1700 Metropolitan Avenue here in Bronx county. 12 13 Α. Yes, we did. And, once you were there were you directed 14 Ο. 15 into a particular portion of the building? 16 Α. Yes. Where did you go? 17 Q. We went into the basement of that building. 18 What if anything did you see upon going 19 20 into the basement? I observed an individual on the ground. 21 22 Okay. The individual's condition appeared Q. 23 to be what? 24 He appeared to be shot. Α. Was the individual on the ground able to 25 Q.

CL10 respond in anyway? 1 2 No, ma'am. Did there come a time when you learned the 3 identity of this individual who had apparently been 4 5 shot? Yes, ma'am. 6 Α. 7 Q. Do you recall what his name was? Yes, Albert Acosta. 8 Now, Officer, did there come a time when 9 10 you took into possession, into your possession any of 11 Mr. Acosta's possession? 12 Yes. Α. 13 What did you take into custody from him? 14 Well, I have to refresh my memory from my 15 memo book. Sure. 16 Q. 17 Yes, personal nature. Did it consist of his clothing and 18 identification? 19 Correct, clothing, jewelry and 20 identification card. 21 22 Now, was Mr. Acosta removed from the 23 basement of 1700 Metropolitan Avenue at any point? 24 Yes, he was. A.

Do you know where he was taken?

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CL11 He was taken to Jacobi Hospital. 1 Α. Did you go with him, officer, or did you 2 3 remain at the scene? I remained at the scene. Α. 4 5 The property that you eventually took custody from Mr. Acosta's person, what if anything 6 7 did you do with that property? A. I vouchered it. 8 MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions of 9 10 this witness. Do the Members of the Grand Jury have any 11 questions? 12 Seeing no show of hands, this witness is 13 excused. 14 15 Thank you. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

CL12 MS. SCACCIA: The People are now calling 1 2 Detective Luis Agostini. 3 4 DETECTIVE LUIS AGOSTINI, after having been duly 5 sworn, testified as follows: 6 EXAMINATION BY MS. SCACCIA: 7 8 9 Q. Detective, can you please state your name, rank, shield number and command for the Members of 10 the Grand Jury. 11 Detective Luis Agostini, shield number 12 13 1230, 43rd Detective Squad. 14 Detective, how long have you been with the 15 43rd Detective Squad? For approximately four years. 16 Α. 17 Q. Detective, I want to direct your attention to February 12th of this year, were working as a 18 member of the 43rd Precinct Detective Squad? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 And, did you have an occasion on that day Q. 22 to become assigned to an investigation into the death 23 of Albert Acosta? 24 A. Yes.

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CL13 approximately 10:30 a.m., on that day. Did you have 1 an occasion to respond over to 1700 Metropolitan 2 Avenue here in Bronx county. 3 Yes, I did. Α. 4 5 Q. And, when you got there was Mr. Acosta 6 present at the scene? 7 Α. No, he wasn't. Who was present at the scene? 8 Q. Mainly the police. 9 Α. Did there come a time when you saw 10 Q. Mr. Acosta someplace? 11 12 Α. Yes. Where did you see him? 13 Q. 14 At Jacobi Hospital. Α. 15 When you got to Jacobi Hospital, what condition was he in at that point? 16 At that time the doctors were working on 17 Α. him. 18 19 Were you able to speak to Mr. Acosta in Q. 20 anyway? 21 No. Α. 22 Detective, as a result of you becoming assigned the investigation into this case, did there 23

come a time when you became aware of or in the

custody of any items of ballistic nature that was

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CL14 recovered? 1 2 Yes, I did. Α. Can you tell the Members of the Grand Jury 3 Q. what if any items of a Ballistic nature was recovered 4 pursuant to that investigation? 5 There was two, .22 caliber fragments that 6 was recovered from his head and two, .22 caliber 7 rounds on 1700 Metropolitan Avenue basement wall. 8 9 Okay. And, other than the fragments and bullets was there anything else of a Ballistic nature 10 11 recovered? A. Yes, there were four, .22 caliber shells 12 13 recovered. 14 Now, when you saw Mr. Acosta at Jacobi Hospital you said doctors were still working on him, 15 16 he was alive? 17 Α. Yes. Did there come a time when you were 18 notified of any change in his condition? 19 20 Α. Yes.

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Okay. And, what was the change in

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- A. That he had died.
- Q. After you learned of Mr. Acosta's death, did there come a time when you again saw Mr. Acosta?
  - A. Yes.
  - O. What was his condition at that time?
  - A. He was dead.
- Q. Now, Detective Agostini, again as part of the investigation and your duties in this case, did there come a time, when you came in possession of Mr. Acosta's clothing items from the medical examiner's office?
  - A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Okay. And, was there a medical examiner's case number assigned to Mr. Acosta's body and his belongings?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Could you tell the Members of the Grand Jury what the medical examiner's case number was?
  - A. It was 595 of the year 2001.
- Q. Now, Detective, pursuant to this investigation into this case, did there come a time, when someone was placed into custody?
  - A. Yes, there was.
  - Q. Who was placed into custody?

CL16 Α. Anthony Manganiello. 1 Okay. Now, Detective, working within the 2 Q. confines of the 43rd Precinct is Parkchester within 3 the 43rd Precinct? 4 5 A. Yes. Have you had some dealings with the 6 0. 7 security officers from Parkchester prior to becoming involved in this case? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Could you tell the ladies and gentlemen of 10 Q. 11 the Grand Jury whether or not Parkchester Police Officers or security officers authorized to carry 12 weapons while they are on duty? 13 Α. They are not. 14 Detective, you indicated that two bullet 15 Q. 16 fragments were removed from his head? 17 Α. Yes. Pursuant to this investigation, Detective, 18 Q. the two bullet wounds that Mr. Acosta suffered was on 19 his body? 20 21 Α. Yes.

Where were they?

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The two wounds were in back of the head.

MS. SCACCIA: I have no further questions of

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CL17 Do the Members of the Grand Jury have any questions? Seeing no show of hands, this witness is excused. Thank you. 14, 

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MS. SCACCIA: I'm now holding in my hands a one-page document which I'm going to have deem marked for identification as People's number 3 for the Grand Jury purposes.

Reading from the certification on the bottom.

I certify that I personally examined the body on February 14, 2001, at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's.

It has the signature of Yvonne Milewski.

I now ask what was previously deem marked into evidence for Grand Jury purposes.

Reading in pertinent part:

Name of decease: Albert Acosta.

Place of death, Bronx.

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Date and hour of death: February 12, 2001.

Death was caused by gunshot wound to the head with perforation of skull and brain.

Injury date: February 12, 2001.

Medical Examiner's case number assigned:

BX595 of the year 2001.

On the basis of examination and/or investigation in my opinion, death occurred due to the causes and manner as stated.

Certifier signature Dr. Yvonne Milewski, on February 14, 2001.

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Again Dr. Yvonne Milewski is the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York, county of the Bronx.

That concludes the presentation of evidence to the Grand Jury.

I would ask the Foreperson to instruct the jury as to its voting requirements.

THE FOREPERSON: Let the record reflect that a quorum is present.

The panel is reminded that only those Grand
Jurors who have heard all of the evidence presented
in this case may vote, and an affirmative action or
decision requires the concurrence of at least twelve
Grand Jurors thereto.

May I have a show of hands of all of the Grand Jurors who heard all of the evidence.

Let the record reflect that at least twelve of the Grand Jurors present heard all of the evidence given in the case.

MS. SCACCIA: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to remind you of the instruction I gave to you at the beginning of the case regarding publicity.

I'm going to begin my legal instructions to you by reading to you the circumstantial evidence charge which applies to all of the charges I'm going to be

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submitting to you today.

Evidence may be direct or circumstantial and I will now explain the difference between these two types of evidence.

Direct evidence is where a witness testifies to what he saw, heard, smelled, tasted, or touched, in other words, what he knows of his own knowledge.

Circumstantial evidence flows from direct evidence.

It is proof of a chain of circumstances from which you may infer or conclude that a fact does exist.

When determining circumstantial evidence, you may only draw an inference or conclusion from a fact or facts proved by direct evidence. Circumstantial evidence is of no less value than direct evidence, for in either case you must be convinced that there is reasonable cause to believe the defendant committed the crimes.

Let me give you one example. Let us assume that you entered this building earlier today, and it was a clear day. Let us also assume that this room has no windows. Now somebody walks into the room wearing a wet raincoat and carrying a dripping umbrella. Based on our assumption, you cannot look out of the room to see whether or not it is raining, and if you are asked if it is raining, you cannot say that you know

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it directly of your own observation. But certainly upon the combination of facts as given, even though when you entered the building it was not raining outside, it would be reasonable and logical for you to conclude that it is raining now.

If inferences can be drawn from a fact directly proved to you, one consistent with innocence and one consistent with guilt, you must give the defendant the benefit of the doubt. An indictment may rest upon circumstantial evidence alone, but for this there must be compliance with certain well established facts:

First, the collateral fact, such as the umbrella dripping water and a man with a wet raincoat, must be proved to your satisfaction by direct evidence;.

Second, the direct evidence proven must be sufficient to give rise to an inference, such as it is now raining outside, which is logical, clear, and strong;.

Third, you must determine whether the total effect of all the circumstances directly proved persuades that you there is reasonable cause to believe that all the elements of each crime submitted actually exists.

I'm going to ask you to consider one count of

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murder in the second degree under Penal Law section 125.25, sub 1, intentional murder.

A person is guilty of murder in the second degree when:

1. With intent to cause the death of another person, he causes the death of such person or of a third person.

A person acts intentionally with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute defining an offense when his conscious objective is to cause such result or to engage in such conduct.

I'm also going to ask you to consider one count of murder in the second degree under depraved indifference to human life, reading from Penal Law section 125.25, subdivision 2.

A person is guilty of murder in the second degree when:

2. Under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life, he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to another person, and thereby causes the death of another person.

Recklessly, A person acts recklessly with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware of an

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consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such result will occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that disregard thereof constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation.

I'm going to now ask you to consider one count of manslaughter in the first degree under subdivision 1, manslaughter in the first degree.

A person is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree according to Penal Law section 125.20, subdivision 1, when:

1. With intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he causes the death of such person or of a third person.

I must define for you serious physical injury.

First of all physical injury means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

Serious physical injury means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes death or serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.

Lastly, I'm asking you to consider one count of

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criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree under Penal Law section 265.03, subdivision 2.

A person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree when, with intent to use the same unlawfully against another:

2. He possesses a loaded firearm.

Loaded firearm is defined in Penal Law section 265.00.

Loaded firearm means any firearm loaded with ammunition or any firearm which is possessed by one who, at the same time, possesses a quantity of ammunition which may be used to discharge such firearm.

Firearm of course means any pistol or revolver.

Does anyone have any questions on the charges, that I have asked you to consider?

Let the record reflect that the Court

Stenographer and I are stepping outside the Grand

Jury Chambers in order for the jury to conduct its

deliberations.

Thank you.

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## CERTIFICATION

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I, CHERYL LAUREL, a Grand Jury Reporter within and for the State of New York, County of the Bronx, do hereby certify:

That the within transcript is a true and accurate record of the testimony given in the case of the People of the State of New York versus INVESTIGATION CASE in the F PANEL & 4TH TERM on APRIL 26, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27TH day of APRIL, 2001.

CHERYL LAUREL